Official Proceedings

Chairman Zander called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

Agenda
Chairman Zander advised the purpose of the special meeting was to review the proposed 2020 Stark County budget and invited any members from the audience to speak prior to the budget being presented.

Brent Bautz, Superintendent of the Richardton/Taylor public school district spoke in support of Sheriff Lee's budget with the addition of a Community Resource Officer.

Jessica Clifton, Stark County Veteran's Service Officer supports equal dollar amount or percentage wage increases for all county employees.

Kurt Froelich, Stark/Billings Extension Agent highlighted that last year the State of North Dakota split the wage reimbursement at a percentage rate of 60/40. In the last Legislative session this was changed to a 50/50 split which is reflected in his proposed 2020 budget.

Ms. Haag presented the proposed 2020 budget by department. Highlights included the following discussion:
-   Planner, discussion if the travel expenses should also be shared with the City of Dickinson as this is a split position;
-   IT, two Consolidated maintenance contracts were presented at an annual cost of $3,900 for the telephone systems at the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center to cover equipment that is no longer under the manufacturer's warrantee. Discussion was also held regarding a funding request for an online job application;
-   Weed Control, adding a line item for a position for additional oversight of the department. This would have to be approved by the Weed Board;
-   Dickinson Ambulance, requesting $60,000 for a new ambulance;
-   Additional discussion was held regarding special requests for employee salary adjustments and 2020 salary adjustments for all County employees.

No action was taken on the budget as this was a preliminary review.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kuntz   **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Franchuk
To adjourn the meeting.
DISPOSITION: Motion carried